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1. THIRD DAY OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS OF BAUXITE PRODUCERS CONFERENCE WAS SPENT IN VISIT TO RECENTLY INAUGURATED MINING SITE AT KAMSAR IN WHICH US FIRMS ARE LARGEST INVESTORS. GUINEA'S ONLY NEWSPAPER "HOROYA" IN MARCH 6 EDITION REPORTING PRESIDENT TOURE'S ADDRESS TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE (REFTEL C) SAYS THAT GENERAL POLITICAL DECLARATION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY EXPERTS AND REFERRED TO MINISTERS. SAME COMMENTARY SAYS THAT, ALTHOUGH "WE SHOULD REJOICE" AT RESULTS OF EXPERT MEETINGS, THE WORK WAS "ARDUOUS".

2. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM TALK WITH PARTICIPANT THAT JAMAICA AND, TO LESSER EXTENT, GUINEANS DEFENDING MOST RADICAL POSITIONS. YUGOSLAVIA REPORTEDLY NOT TAKING ACTIVE ROLE AND SEEMS WILLING TO ACCEPT ANYTHING OTHERS COME UP WITH. YUGOSLAVS HAD EARLIER ACCEPTED DRAFT CHARTER WRITTEN IN BELGRADE WHICH ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD INSISTED ON REVISING. SAME PARTICIPANT EXPRESSED SOME CONFUSION WHEN ASKED WHAT BASIS OF ORGANIZATION WAS -- WHETHER IT IS ORGANIZATION OF NONALIGNED PRODUCERS OR WHAT. DELEGATE REPLIED IT IS CLOSER TO ORGANIZATION OF EXPORTERS ALTHOUGH TWO OBSERVER DELEGATIONS, MALI AND ALGERIA, REPRESENT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT EXPORTERS.

3. ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS, OTHER THAN OPENING CEREMONY, WERE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND GUINEANS ARRANGED FULL AFTER-HOURS SCHEDULE. AS REPORTED REFTEL D, GUINEANS REFUSED VISAS TO US CORRESPONDENTS WHO WISHED TO COVER CONFERENCE. AS USUAL, GUINEANS REGARD ENQUIRIES WITH SUSPICION AND ARE MAKING CONTACTS WITH DELEGATES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THIRD SECRETARY FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY DAKAR WAS REFUSED ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE AS WAS NIGERIAN CHARGE ACCREDITED TO GUINEA.
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